Telephone exchange/line in Pauri Garhwal

†2579. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people of Tarpalisaintha Patti Dhaijulieof the district of Pauri Garhwal, Uttaranchal are demanding for opening of telephone exchange and laying of telephone line in Tarpalisaintha for many years;

(b) if so, by when, this facility would be provided; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) There is no registered demand in Tarpalisaintha Patti Dhaijulie of the district of Pauri Garhwal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Mobile telephone facilities in Uttaranchal

†2580. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts in the State of Uttaranchal where mobile telephone facility is available;

(b) the percentage of the total area in the State which is availing the above-mentioned facility;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that in most cities of the State connected with mobile services, mobile sets do not work; and

(d) if so, the details of the measures proposed to be taken to improve the standard of mobile telephone services in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Sir, as per the terms and conditions of the Licence for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS), an operator for Telecom. Circle Service Area

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is required to cover 10% of District Headquarters in the Service Area within one year and 50% of District Headquarters within three years. The Licensee is also permitted to cover any other town in a district in lieu of the District Headquarter. The choice of Distrtict Headquarters/ towns to be covered and further expansion beyond 50% District Headquarters/towns shall lie with the Licensee depending on their business decision. There is no mandatory requirement for 100% coverage of the Service Area. However, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited have intimated that they are providing CMTS in all the District Headquarters of Uttaranchal State.

(b) Apart from the District Headquarters/Cities/Towns covered with CMTS by the CMTS Licensees, incidental coverage of CMTS is also possible in various areas. As such it is not possible to state the exact percentage of the total area in the State covered with CMTS.

(c) and (d) The following three companies have been licensed to provide CMTS in Uttar Pradesh (West) Telecom Circle Service Area, which *inter-alia* covers Uttaranchal State:

SI. No.	Name of Company
1.	Escotel Mobile Communications Ltd.
2.	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.
3.	Bharti Cellular Ltd.

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in terms of TRAI Act is, *inter-alia* mandated for ensuring Quality of Service (QoS) provided by the various licensed Telecom Service Providers including CMTS Licensees. As intimated by TRAI, these Licensees are not meeting some of the parameters of QoS Standard laid down by TRAI. These Operators have been asked to improve the performance. The improvement in performance is monitored periodically by TRAI.

Printing of telephone directory

†2581. SHRl HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are certain fixed standards for inviting tenders for printing of the telephone directory;

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